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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2006 and the Advisory Office action mailed Aug. 3, 2006. The Applicant appreciates the detail the Examiner included in the Advisory Action, as it has assisted in advancing the prosecution of the case. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.